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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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acting Legislative Counsel

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SUBJECT

Procedures for Intelligence Community Program Managers Handling Congressional Requests for Information on Liaison

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REFERENCE

Your Memorandum for the Record dated

7 April 1978, Paragraph 6

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Action Requested: None, for information only.

The House Permanent Select Committee Background: on Intelligence has as you are aware requested that DIA provide a list of their foreign liaison counterparts and DIA has apparently promised to provide this list. requirement of DIA coupled with a 9 November 1977 (attached) request from the Committee to you to provide detailed summaries of all intelligence agreements -- written and 25X1 oral -- have provided the impetus for two gatherings of NFIB representatives to discuss procedures for handling these kinds of requests. Meetings were held on 5 April and 11 April in the Resource Management Staff Building and Two draft papers have were chaired by been re-worked and hopefully a more polished recommendation will be arriving on your desk from Resource Management Staff within a few days. The positions taken by the NFIB representatives may not be palatable to the congressional oversight committees but are essentially identical to the informal agreement worked out between the former DDCI (Hank Knoche) and the former Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D., Hawaii).

The current thinking is that the paper which will be presented to you would be for your subsequent informal issuance to Intelligence Community program managers for handling of subsequent inquiries on liaison agreements

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and arrangements. In essence, the position being taken is to limit responses to identification of the country involved, U.S. manpower and fiscal resources, and, where necessary, summaries of the foreign intelligence or counterintelligence product acquired as a result of the liaison activities. More will be forthcoming on this but this memorandum should serve to reassure you that work is being done on this issue.

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Attachment

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